

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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In transporting a reticle with a pellicle, gas purge is efficiently performed in a pellicle space or the environment in the pellicle space is efficiently maintained. Injectors (35) are provided in a pair of fork positions (31) or a reticle hand. Inert gas is injected and supplied from the injectors (35) into a pellicle space (29) through vent holes (27) of a reticle (30) with a pellicle. In this state, the reticle (30) with the pellicle is transported.